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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1126

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY ROME

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0430

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, SU, SA, ET, US

SUBJECT: CISCO II

REF: JIDDA 1028

1. INFO REFTEL SUGGESTS PLF NOW REPEAT NOW AGAIN THINKING OF RED SEA ROUTE FOR DELIVERY CISCO II TO JIDDA BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES THEY RAN INTO WITH GOS IN CONNECTION RELEASE ITALIAN AND TWO CHINESE (KHARTOUM 383). WE ASSUME PHYSICAL PROBLEM MOVING TWO MEN DH SMALL BOAT IN FACT STILL REMAINS AND BELIEVE SOME OTHER ROUTE HIGHLY PREFERABLE. THIS ALL THE MORE TRUE IN VIEW OF PROTRACTED DETENTION CAMPBELL AND HARRELL AND THEIR POSSIBLY UNCERTAIN HEALTH.

2. ACCORDINGLY, WE INCLINED BELIEVE THAT SAUDIS SHOULD APPROACH SUDANESE SOONEST IN ATTEMPT OBTAIN GOS ACQUIESCENCE IN TRANSIT CISCO II TO PORT SUDAN AND FROM THERE TO JIDDA BY AIR. IN ORDER ASSURE THAT GOS UNDERSTANDS SOLE REASON FOR OUR INTEREST IN THIS ROUTE IS WELL-BEING CISCO II, BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL IF WE AUTHORIZED SPEAK TO SUDANESE HERE AT SAME TIME. DEPT AND ZRBASSY JIDDA  
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MIGHT EVEN CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US RAISE

MATTER WITH GOS IN FIRST INSTANCE, WITHOUT REFERRING TO SAUDI  
INTEREST BUT SIMPLY TO INQUIRE WHETHER, VIEW COMPLICATIONS  
EARLIER RELEASE HOSTAGES, SUDANESE WOULD BE WILLING  
CONSIDER SOME SORT ARRANGEMENT UNDER WHICH CISCO II COULD  
TRANSIT PORT SUDAN FOR RELEASE ELSEWHERE. WE WOULD  
EMPHASIZE THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE,  
SINCE OTHERWISE WE WONDER WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE FURTHER DELAYS  
IN OBTAINING RELEASE TWO MEN. BREWER

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